



## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Requested Board Meeting Date: September 10, 2013

### **ITEM SUMMARY, JUSTIFICATION &/or SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

*Each year September is designated as National Preparedness Month in which there is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools.*

*The Pima County Office of Emergency Management (PCOEM) requests the Board of Supervisors' proclaim September as **Preparedness Month** in Pima County in support of the national efforts. PCOEMHS along with the Citizen Corps Councils in Pima County and the American Red Cross Southern Arizona Chapter will engage in activities that encourage residents in Pima County to take steps to make themselves and their families better prepared for emergencies.*

CONTRACT NUMBER (If applicable):

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S):**

*Approval of the proclamation will encourage all citizens, businesses, and schools to recognize the importance of preparing for potential emergencies beforehand and to observe this month with appropriate preparedness activities, events, and training to ensure our county stands ready to respond to any disaster or emergency.*

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS: N/A

**CLERK OF BOARD USE ONLY: BOS MTG.** \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**PIMA COUNTY COST:** n/a **and/or REVENUE TO PIMA COUNTY:\$** N/A

**FUNDING SOURCE(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

(i.e. General Fund, State Grant Fund, Federal Fund, Stadium D. Fund, etc.)

**Advertised Public Hearing:**

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**Board of Supervisors District:**

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**IMPACT:**

**IF APPROVED:**

*The month of September will be designated as Preparedness Month in Pima County.*

**IF DENIED:**

*The month of September will not be designated as Preparedness Month in Pima County.*

**DEPARTMENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ *Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security*

**CONTACT PERSON:** Griselda Moya-Flores **TELEPHONE NO.:** 724-9314

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, each year September is designated as “National Preparedness Month,” in which there is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness and to encourage every citizen to better prepare their homes, businesses, schools and communities for any type of emergency including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of Pima County and all are urged to make preparedness a priority by investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, schools and communities in order reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our community and in our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of September, the Pima County Office of Emergency Management along with the Citizen Corps Councils in Pima County and other local, tribal, private, and volunteer agencies will engage in activities that encourage residents to take steps to make themselves and their families better prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of County Supervisors hereby proclaim the month of September 2013 to be

### “PREPAREDNESS MONTH”

in Pima County, and encourages citizens, businesses, schools and communities to proactively resolve to be ready for potential emergencies by taking simple steps such as organizing an emergency supply kit, making a personal preparedness plan, becoming informed about different threats, reviewing recommendations found at [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) or [listo.gov](http://listo.gov), and getting involved in preparing their communities to ensure Pima County stands ready to respond to any disaster or emergency.

Passed and Adopted this 10th day of September 2013.

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The Honorable Ramón Valadez, Chairman  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board